

every day may not be good,



but there's something good
in every day.



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

WELCOME TO CALVARY

YOU ARE GOD'S
BELOVED,
AND YOU ARE
WELCOME HERE.



OUR WELCOME STATEMENT

Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all. We open our hearts, our minds and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status, or background – ***you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.***

WELCOME TO CALVARY!

If you are a first time guest, thank you for visiting Calvary! We would invite you to check out our Welcome Tables for more information about who we are. We would also ask you to fill out a "GET CONNECTED" card in the back of the pews so we can get to know you. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

Families with babies or young children? We have a family area in the sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys so your family can participate in the service.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

There are many ways you can become involved at Calvary United Methodist Church. If you have been promising yourself to join a small group experience for not just a continuing learning opportunity but also to meet new friends, please fill out a "Get Involved" card in the back of the pews. You can also email CalvaryPgh@gmail.com or visit our website at CalvaryPgh.com for information about the many ministries available. If you are ready to serve or just want to connect and grow, there are plenty of opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents.

PRAYER CONCERNS

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Rhonda Harrison (friend of Linda Ehrlich) — brother passed away
Joan Jessup — sister passed away
Lorraine Malcolm's great-grandbaby — lead poisoning
John Henderson (Ellen Homitsky's brother) — leukemia
Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son) — brain tumor
Shelly (Christine Thomas' daughter) — car accident
Christine Thomas — new treatment for leg
Gerald — hospital
Jane Wederich (Ellen Homitsky's aunt) — heart problems
Danny (Bova's cousin) — ICU with respiratory issues
Lisa Ferguson — father in hospice
John Burke Dr (Truddee's husband) — UPMC Monroeville
Tea Sampson — ICU Presbyterian
Brian (Debbie Neuherz's brother-in-law) — Covid, loss of his wife
Brenda (Debbie Neuherz's sister) — loss of husband, Kevin, to Covid
Anna Jane (Bova family) — cancer
Tavarious Lee — violence
Kathy (Christine Thomas's sister) — recovering from stroke
Kate (Christine Thomas's niece) — needs a kidney
Charlee (Zeke Thomas's brother) — COPD
Pat (friend of Christine Thomas) — health struggles

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill
Ron and Sally Westerman
Randy & Danny — bone marrow transplant
Dan Souza — cancer
Tom Smith — cancer
Rev. Edward Clarke (Emanuel UMC) — esophageal cancer
Paul Brucker — ongoing health struggles

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

If you have a prayer request or a joy that you would like to be lifted up, you can either fill out the "PRAYER REQUEST" card in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007, or you can complete the new "Prayer Request Form" on the Calvary website at calvaryppgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php. The information on this form goes directly to the clergy of Calvary UMC. We treat these concerns in a private and confidential manner (unless otherwise directed), respecting the privacy of individuals as the requestor directs us.

Children's Ministries



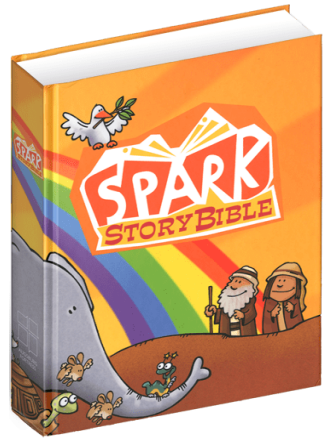
Spark Story Bible— Sunday School Edition

Designed for early readers, the award-winning Spark Story Bible opens up God’s Word to kids through colorful art and rich retellings of 150 of the most popular Bible stories. A key part of Spark Sunday School, the Spark Story Bible uses creative language familiar to kids and features activity suggestions and questions help kids connect with the stories. Activity suggestions and questions help kids connect with the stories. Designed for age 2 to grade 2.



Children's Bible Sponsorship Form

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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Each Bible costs \$20 and can be in honor of or dedicated to someone special. Please include payment with your order form. Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with any questions.

Name _____

Phone _____ Quantity _____

In Memory or Honor of... *(Please circle choice)*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship †* Lay Leader — Anne Christianson

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

People: God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,

Leader: To proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,

People: To set the oppressed free.

Leader: Let us worship the God of justice and peace!

Opening Hymn †* “See the Morning Sun Ascending” — #674 (UMH)

Opening Prayer Lay Leader — Anne Christianson

Community Greetings

Message for the Young Hearted

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Hymn †* “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” — #474 (UMH)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer * #895 (UMH)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture * Luke 4 14-30 (NRSV)

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

Order of Worship continued on following page

** Words are listed on screen / † Please stand as you are able*

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” 20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” 23 He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” 24 And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Reflection “Good Days and Bad Days”, Rev. Larry Homitsky

Invitation to Offering

Doxology †* “Bless Thou the Gifts” — #587 (UMH)

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Offering Prayer †* Lay Leader — Anne Christianson

Closing Hymn †* “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” — #384 (UMH)

Benediction †*

Postlude †*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Guidelines at Calvary

Masks or cloth face coverings are to be worn at all times inside the Church buildings. Mask or face covering must be covering both your mouth and nose. Every other pew is available for seating. Please space out seating to ensure individuals or families are at least 6 feet apart from anyone outside of their household.

Multi-Media Musical Documentary for Black History Month on February 26 at Dutilh UMC

The Pittsburgh District Anti-Racism Team is bringing a multi-media musical documentary to the Pittsburgh area for Black History Month - "I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's Life in His Words & Songs." at Dutilh United Methodist Church (1270 Dutilh Rd, Cranberry Township) on Saturday, February 26 at 6:00pm. The story of this American hero, Paul Robeson, who struggled and triumphed comes alive in a rousing 90-minute song-filled presentation performed by the gifted Pittsburgh native, gifted American baritone and international ambassador of peace, Anthony Brown. "I Go On Singing" brings music and history alive with equal parts documentary and live concert experience. Musical numbers range from spirituals to Broadway, and include Robeson's original arrangements of favorites like "Wade in the Water," "Ol' Man River," "It Ain't Necessarily So," "Water Boy" and many others. In addition, Robeson's musical colleague, the legendary folk singer Pere Seeger, makes three video appearances discussing his friendship with Robeson, the music they shared, and the turbulent times in which they lived. "Once in a lifetime a human being comes along who stands head and shoulders above the rest. Paul Robeson was such a man." A free-will offering will be received at the evening's conclusion to help cover the cost of the program.

Lay Leaders and Liturgists

Liturgists serve an important role in worship. Liturgists help lead the congregation in various parts of the worship service, including the recitation of the Call to Worship and the reading of scripture. This valuable service allows the congregation to take an active part in the worship service and it allows participants in worship to hear multiple voices speak from the pulpit. If you are interested in being a Lay Leader or a Liturgist for an upcoming Sunday worship service, please contact the church office or see Rev. Kelly Smith.

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OUR CONTINUED SAFETY

Our Continued Safety Covid Safety Precautions

Calvary Church Family and Friends,

We here at Calvary believe that keeping everyone safe is our top priority. The latest Covid surge is cause for concern - while this new variant is much less severe, more like

a cold or mild flu, but also spreads much faster. We have people in our families and in our communities without access to a vaccine, specifically small children. Even though it is mild for most children, our local hospitals and health care systems are completely slammed.

As your pastoral staff, we believe that the safety practices we have in place are important in keeping all of us safe. Everyone must continue to wear masks (over their nose and mouth) while in the building and continue to socially distance (6 feet or more), especially on Sunday mornings. We also believe if you are concerned, you can stay home and join us for worship virtually (on our YouTube and Facebook pages).

Please reach out to us if you have any concerns.

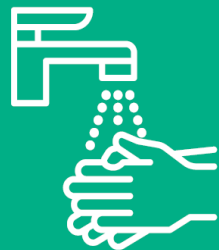
Blessings,



WEAR a cloth
face covering.



WAIT at least 6 feet apart
from others at all times.



WASH your hands often
or use hand sanitizer.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Children's Sunday School

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

Description: Calvary offers two Sunday School Classes: (1) Ages 3-10, (2) Ages 11-15.

Sunday Morning Worship

Description: Join us for worship every Sunday at 11AM whether in person or virtually!

Facebook — Calvary United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh

YouTube — Calvary UMC Pittsburgh PA

MONDAYS

Sleeping Bag Group

Time / Location: 6:30pm / Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

Description: The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, packed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats and gloves then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. The team is also working on plastic mats made from plastic grocery bags. There is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed; if you can tie a knot, you can make a sleeping bag! Please consider joining us on Monday evenings. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell at trr_howell@yahoo.com or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.

TUESDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

Description: There is an exercise class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am in the Calvary Chapel. The group uses the program "Grow Young Fitness". The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. You can participate at your comfort level, and many exercises are done while sitting. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@aol.com), or come by some Tuesday or Thursday morning to join in the fun. As the exercise leader always tells us, remember to "keep it movin".

Bible Study Led By Rev. Larry Homitsky And Rev. Kornelius Neal

Time / Location: 6:30pm / New Destiny CMEC Church (Formerly Emanuel UMC)

Description: Please join us for our joint bible study with New Destiny. Afterwards it's also been our tradition to head to the Clark Bar for refreshments and further discussion. The address of New Destiny is 856 Crucible Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

TUESDAYS, CONT...

Renewal Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 6:30-7:30pm / Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: Love Singing? Thinking About Joining the Choir? Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome! See Brian Burns for details.

Hand Bell Rehearsal

Time / Location: 7:30-8:30pm / Calvary UMC Upstairs Music Room

Description: Interested in joining? We are seeking new and energetic people willing to learn and participate. Please consider adding your talents to our group. No experience is necessary to join and it is probably easier to do than you think! See Brian Burns for details.

THURSDAYS

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